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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1958

HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
(West Suffolk)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Hadleigh Urban District for the year 1958.

This year the Registrar General estimates a population increase of 50 persons and of almost 200 since the last census in 1951. It is pleasant to note that there were no deaths from any of the notifiable diseases, nor did any death result from leukaemia. Heart disease of one kind or another was responsible for almost half of the total deaths.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and the encouragement they have given and to thank the Clerk, Mr. H.R. Woolvett, and the Public Health Inspector, Mr. J.D. Mitchell, for their willing co-operation throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

G.P. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1959.

SECTION A.

Figures in parenthesis refer to previous year.

1. General Statistics.

Population (1951 Census)	3089. Area 4,317 acres.
Population Registrar General's Estimate 1958	3270 (3220)
Rateable Value	£30510 at 31.3.59(30124)
Number of inhabitated houses	1184 (1149)

Sum represented by a penny rate: £120. 4. 11. for financial year ended 31.3.59.

2. Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year.

LIVE BIRTHS	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	45 (38)	27 (20)	18 (18)
Illegitimate	2 (3)	1 (2)	1 (1)
	47 (41)	28 (22)	19 (19)

Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population (Crude) 14.4 (12.2) (Adjusted) 15.6 (13.4) Population England and Wales 16.1 (16.1)

STILL BIRTHS	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	2 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)
Illegitimate	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
	3 (-)	3 (-)	- (-)

Still Birth Rate per 1000 live and still births 60 (0. Still Birth Rate in England and Wales 21.6 (22.9) Illegitimate birth rate 6% (7.3%)

Section A continued:

DEATHS - registered in 1958. Death Rate (Crude) 15.0 (9.3)
" " (Adjusted) 14.1 (8.7)
in England and Wales
11.7 (11.5)

Total - all causes 49 (30) 24 (17) Male 25 (13) Female.

Number of women dying in or in consequence of pregnancy, child-birth or abortion.

(a) Sepsis Nil.
(b) Other causes Nil.

	Total	Male	Female
Death of infants under one year	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
" " " " 4 weeks	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births 21.6
" " " " " " " - legitimate 22.2
" " " " " " " - illegitimate Nil
Neo-Natal " " " " " " Nil.
Maternal mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births - Nil.

Deaths classified according to causes	Total	Male	Female
Deaths from cancer (all ages)	7(9)	3(5)	4(4)
Measles	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Whooping cough	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Diarrhoea, Gastritis, Enteritis ..	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Heart Disease	22(13)	13(6)	9(7)
Ulcer of Stomach & Duedenum	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Bronchitis	7(-)	4(-)	3(-)
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	6(3)	2(3)	4(-)
Pneumonia	2(-)	-(-)	2(-)
Nephritis	1(1)	-(-)	1(1)
Accidents (Not Motor Vehicle)	1(3)	1(2)	-(1)
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Other and ill-defined diseases ..	3(1)	1(1)	2(-)
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	49(30)	24(17)	25(13)

SECTION B

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases - Cases notified.

	Number Notified			Deaths
	Total	Male	Female	
Erysipelas	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)	- (nil)
Whooping cough ..	-(9)	-(4)	-(5)	- "
Infective hepatitis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)	- "
Measles	9(15)	5(5)	4(10)	- "
Scarlet fever ..	1(6)	1(2)	-(4)	- "
Poliomyelitis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)	- "
Dysentery	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)	- "
Acute pneumonia ..	-(1)	-(1)	-(-)	- "
Tuberculosis	-(4)	-(2)	-(2)	- "

SECTION C.

1. Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer (Part-time) G.P. Barclay, M.B.,Ch.B.D.P.H.
One Public Health Inspector (Part-time) J.D. Mitchell,A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

2. Nursing in the Home.

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

3. Infant Welfare Centres.

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town, held at 2.0 p.m. each Monday at the Congregational Church Hall, Market Place.

4. Health Visiting.

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh and District with a Health Visitor (part-time).

SECTION D.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No cases arose during the year calling for action in accordance with this section of the Act.

SECTION E.

Sanitary Circumstances of the area.

Water Supply.

During the year water consumption in the district has risen by approximately 7,500 gallons per day, this being due to Local Authority housing development in the North Eastern part of the town.

This fact has led to increasing difficulties in supplying residential properties situated along the higher contours of the South East area at peak demand periods and, therefore, as a temporary measure, the present supply is from a booster reservoir. It is estimated that this reservoir will reach its maximum capacity during 1959.

With these difficulties in mind the Council are at present considering taking a bulk supply from a neighbouring authority by means of a trunk main situated over the higher contours along the eastern ridge of the town.

Four bacteriological samples of water taken were found to be satisfactory.

Following the results of two chemical analyses of water, Consulting Chemists were requested to carry out a survey and report on the existing water supply.

This survey resulted in sulphate reducing bacteria being found present and active in the mains.

At the present time, little can be done about this problem, but having regard to the Council's consideration of a bulk supply, the necessary oxygenation would be carried out at source.

Sewage Disposal.

The approximate daily flow of sewage is 80,000 gallons which represent an overload figure of 65% on the existing works.

The standard of effluent during the year has been improved but

still remains unsatisfactory in relation to Royal Commission Standards.

At the present time, the Council's Consulting Engineers are preparing an extension scheme to overcome the existing difficulties.

Cleansing Services.

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse has been continued during the year, and an adequate street scavenging service maintained.

SECTION F.

Public Health and Housing Acts.

Work under these Acts proceeded during the year and following is a record of the routine work carried out:

(i) Housing Acts.

Number of houses inspected for defects	19
Inspections made re above	26
Houses rendered fit by informal action	6
Houses rendered fit by Statutory action	1
Houses found totally unfit	10
Demolition Orders	4
Closing Orders	6
Undertaking from owners not to re-let	1
Houses purchased by Local Authority for site clearance	3
Improvement Grants	1
New houses erected by Local Authority:	
Traditional - 2 bedroomed	4
Traditional - 3 bedroomed	22
Total number of post war houses	277

(ii) Public Health Act, 1936.

S. 93. Informal notices issued	7
S. 93. Informal notices complied with	7
S. 93. Statutory notices issued	nil

SECTION G.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(i) Meat Inspection.

Number of slaughterhouses on register	1
Number of visits re above	148

Carcases inspected during the year:

Calves	Cows	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep	Total
46	-	152	258	43	499

Diseased conditions found -

(a) Tuberculosis:-

1 Beasts liver
3 Pigs' heads
3 Pigs' mesenteric fats
3 Pigs' plucks

(b) Other diseases:-

9 Beasts' livers.
5 Pigs' livers
3 Beasts' heads and tongue.

(ii) Other Food Inspection.

(a) Registrations

Number of milk purveyors on register	2
Number of Dealer's licences (T.T. milk)	1
Number of supplementary licences (T.T. milk)	-
Number of supplementary licences (pasteurised)	1
Number of Dealer's licences (Sterilised)	1
Number of Ice-Cream retailers on register	16
Number of licences for preserved meat and other foods	7

(b) Visits to food premises

Dairies	2
Bakehouses	5
Fishmongers	3
Ice-Cream retailers	13
Ice-Cream vehicles	3
Butchers	12
Cafés	3
Other Food Shops	13

(c) Samples.

(i) Milk

Class	Methylene Blue	Phosphatese
Tuberculin Tested	1 satisfactory	1 satisfactory
Pasteurised	1 satisfactory	1 satisfactory

(ii) Ice-Cream

Eight samples were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were of Grade 1.

(d) Other Food Condemned.

	Weight.	
3 Tins Raspberries @ 15 ozs.	2 lbs.	12 ozs.
2 Tins Corned Beef @ 6 lbs.	12 lbs.	- ozs.
1 Tin Calves' Tongues @ 12 ozs.		12 ozs.
1 Tin Pork Luncheon Meat @ 4lbs.	4 lbs.	- ozs.
1 Tin Cooked Ham @ 14 lbs. 1 oz.	14 lbs.	1 oz.
1 Tin Cooked Beef @ 12 ozs.		12 ozs.
	34 lbs.	5 ozs.

SECTION H.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Section H continued:

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections.	Written Notices.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authories	2	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	22	16	-
	24	18	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)			
(b) unsuitable or defective	4	4	4
TOTAL	4	4	4

3. Outwork. - Nil.

SECTION J.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector for the year.

Investigations of complaints	83
Reinspections	54
Drainage tests and inspections	17
Housing Acts	45
Public Health Acts	14
Water supplies	110
Sewage Works	90
Septic Tanks & Cesspools	6
Watercourses	13
Factories - mechanical	18
Factories - escapes in case of fire	2
Public Conveniences	22
Petroleum Regulations	4
Vermin	2
Rodent Control	5
Keeping of Animals	11
Slaughterhouse	148
Food premises and vehicles.	54
TOTAL	698